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LATER FROM KANSAS.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Exclusion of Negroes from the Territory.

SPIRITED AND INTERESTING DEBATES.

Special Correspondence of The N. Y. Daily Times.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CHAMBER,
TOPEKA, K. T., Monday, Oct. 30, 1855.

The Convention met this morning, according to adjournment, and the report of the Standing Committee on Militia was read the first time; after which the Chairman of the Committee on Elective Franchise made his report. It contained stringent provisions in regard to the question of the right of suffrage.

The Convention then went into a Committee of the Whole on the Report on Amendments to the Constitution.

The debate ran high in reference to one provision of this Report. Under section third, it was provided that the Constitution might be amended once in five years. Dr. SHANNON, of Lawrence, (agent of the Aid Company,) moved to amend so as to allow of no amendment till 1865, and not oftener than once in twenty years thereafter. He said he did this on account of the slave question. The Slave-State Party openly declare that they will change the Constitution so as to allow of Slavery in Kansas. This amendment was opposed on the ground of the necessity of a change which may exist on account of the rapid development of this Territory hereafter.

Mr. FARRAND, of Leavenworth, thought twenty-five thousand people could not justly make a Constitution under which, perhaps, two hundred thousand souls, in less years, would live, without any power to change that organic law.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee rose and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. SHANNON'S amendment will not prevail. The prevailing sentiment is, that if we now are strong enough to frame a free Constitution, the day will never come when a slave Constitution can be put in its place.

TUESDAY, Oct. 30.

A STATE ORGANIZATION.

The special order for this morning was the resolution offered several days since, instructing the various Committees to frame their work with reference to an immediate organization. House went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. ROBERTS, of Lawrence, in the Chair.

The President—Col. LANE—took the floor, and supported the resolution in an hour's speech. He read from the speeches made in Congress, at the time of the passage of the Nebraska bill, in regard to the doctrine of popular Sovereignty, on which doctrine he took his position. He went for the immediate election of State officers and members of the Legislature, and then, putting the wheels of Government in motion, taking the consequences. But his speech did not meet with general approbation. Public sentiment is not yet prepared to follow his suggestions.

A CHAIRMAN.

Just as the Committee rose, Mr. KLOCK, of Pawnee, announced to the House, that preliminaries for a duel had been arranged between a member of the Convention and an outsider, and presented a resolution providing for the appointment of a Committee of three to investigate the affair and report. Much excitement prevailed, and the House adjourned. It appears that some difficulty had occurred between Col. J. H. LANE and G. P. LOWRY, Esq., when the former challenged the latter. The difficulty, however, was settled to-day, and I judge from what I can learn, that neither of these gentlemen have had sufficient cause for making any such demonstration.

This afternoon a high debate arose while the Report on Militia was under consideration. Section 1 provides that the militia shall consist of all able-bodied white male persons. The motion was made to strike out the word *white*, so as not to exclude Indians. The yeas and nays were demanded and the motion lost, by a large majority.

SESSION AFTER WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

In the evening, the Report on Elective Franchise came up, and three important points were discussed, viz: the Bleeding law, the Tax Qualification for voting, and Woman's rights.

Mr. ROBINSON spoke against the enactment of the Black Law—making strong assertions, denunciatory of any man who would swear to support the Constitution of the United States, and at the same time support such an odious and unjust provision. He said any one could not do this without committing perjury. This assertion was taken up by J. S. EMERY, of Leavenworth, who said he was sorry to hear any such language fall from the lips of his worthy colleague. Mr. EMERY then went on in a speech of considerable length, to set forth the views of those who favor a Black Law. He thought it important to the success of the Free-State Party in Kansas that such a law be enacted, or rather, that the party pledge themselves to pass such a law. He had canvassed a large part of the Territory, and he was fully impressed with the idea that a very large majority of the voters were decidedly in favor of a stringent law keeping negroes, bound and free, out of the Territory.

The provision in the Report providing for the payment of a tax as a qualification for exercising the right of suffrage, was stricken out by almost an unanimous vote. The right to vote was a natural right, and could not be taken away from any man.

As to striking out the word "male," there was but one sentiment. Woman's rights had no advocates, and the motion to strike out was lost.

PARTIES.

During the discussion this evening party lines made their appearance. The Democratic leaders took ground for the same exclusion entirely, while the Free-Soilers ranged themselves under an opposition. Most Whigs of the old line go for exclusion. The speeches made upon these subjects were able and well worthy to be read by the people of the Territory not only, but by men of the States. A strong conservative spirit generates and controls the Convention. To-morrow the resolutions on Immediate organization will come up for further hearing. It is understood that this subject will occupy much time, as there are a few members who desire an election at once, so that Senators and a Representative to Congress may be chosen. We have a few men very anxious to get into the National Congress, and they will make a hard fight to carry their points. J. S. E.

TOPEKA, K. T., Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1855.

A short time has been taken up in considering the report of the Committee on Agriculture this morning. Nothing of particular interest occurred in the debate upon it.

The Bank question then came up on a motion to strike out section one, which prohibited all banks whatever, and thus went the whole Democratic figure for a hard currency. Mr. FARRAND, of Leavenworth, supported the new bank doctrine in an able speech of some length. He referred to the Madison papers in the debates of the Convention, which formed the Constitution of the United States, where it is held that the Constitution never contemplated that the States should issue bills of credit. He thought we had a hard-money currency now, and he could not see why we could not adhere to this for the future.

An able report on Finance and Taxation was submitted in the afternoon. The following resolution was then presented:

Resolved, That the Committee on Miscellaneous Affairs be, and are hereby instructed to report a plan to this Convention for submitting the question of prohibiting free negroes from this Territory to the people upon the day the Constitution is submitted, their decision to operate as instructions to the first legislature upon that subject.

This resolution indicates what will probably be done with the Black Law. It will be left to the people to decide, and there can be no doubt but that *this class of men will be excluded*.

A STATE ORGANIZATION.

In the Evening Session the debate ran high upon Mr. SMITH'S resolution, in reference to an immediate State organization. The mover of the resolution was in favor of electing State officers at once. He would advise no hesitation—he would present a bold front and waver not at all. The Territory was without laws—life and property were unprotected. The Territorial Government had broken down. He would not wait an hour for the action of Congress after our application for admission, but would act up an independent form of Government, &c.

Mr. EMERY, of Lawrence, followed in opposition, in a speech in which he set forth the views of that portion of our people who desire to ask admission, and then allow Congress full time to act upon that application before they set up a free and independent Government, based upon Squatter Sovereignty principles.

MR. EMERY'S OPINION.

The following is a report of his remarks:

Mr. PRESIDENT: I approach the consideration of the question now occupying the attention of this Convention, believing that it involves much which is of practical importance to the success of our cause. It is a perplexing question, and one on which the public sentiment of the Territory is widely divided. I have bestowed some little thought upon its merits, and I am fully satisfied that untold issues hang upon its decision. It has been ably and eloquently discussed by the gentleman who has just taken his seat, but I should not feel that I had discharged my duty to those who sent me here, should I not offer my views and opinions upon a subject of such transcending importance.

I am deeply impressed with the considerations urged in favor of an immediate State organization. The gentleman says we should present to the world an unbroken front, and manifest a determination to take nothing short of an early admission as a Sovereign State into that great sisterhood of States known as the Federal Union. Indeed, Sir, great enterprises like ours should always be undertaken with a manly firmness, and carried forward in a spirit of unyielding persistence. In this way alone can any enterprise be lifted from defeat and disparagement into triumph and popular acceptance, but the most heroic resistance to oppression and wrong can avail little, if the counsels of prudence and caution do not prevail. We are here to-day to inaugurate a reform—a great political reform, in the government of Kansas Territory, and who does not know that any reform has more to fear from misguided zeal and too much haste on the part of those engaged in it, than from any other cause? This is the lesson of universal history.

Now, Mr. Chairman, what does this resolution contemplate? what is proposed to be done? It first proposes to supersede the present weak and inefficient territorial government, and hence it enunciates the fundamental idea of the constitutional movement. Aye, it does more; it proposes to force into a fact the great leading idea of the Declaration of Independence—the highest human authority in American politics—which is this: "Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of the ends for which it was instituted, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government," &c. It proposes to force theories of human rights and theories of human government into facts—to practically apply this great principle to the wants and to the necessities of the down-trodden people of Kansas. I do not question this right of the people, and certainly no gentleman on this floor will disagree with me. If he does, he occupies a most extraordinary position, and consistency would suggest that he withdraw from this body. No; when we say that we will take measures to supersede and render unnecessary that *thing* now extended over us, called a Territorial Government—when we say and maintain that we have a right, guaranteed by the Constitution, to have a form of government more congenial to our wants and feelings, we are only doing what, as American citizens, we have a right to do. We only propose to carry out that doctrine—much abused and grossly misrepresented as it has been—I mean the doctrine of Squatter Sovereignty, under which we are assembled here to-day, and in pursuance of the principles of which we hope to extricate ourselves from our present unhappy condition.

Secondly—It is proposed to do this by establishing a State Government. This, it seems to me, is perfectly legitimate, and herein I do not differ from my friend who has spoken in favor of organizing at once. What is the nature of that Government under which we now live? Here Mr. EMERY examined at length the nature and character of a territorial form of Government. It was formed only for a time—formed only to protect the people while they were setting up a new country.—It was transient and the creature of necessity.

Thirdly—It was extra Constitutional—not contemplated by that instrument and outside of its provisions, &c. The people have the right to form a Constitution for a State without any previous action of Congress in the matter. Here reference was made to Florida and Arkansas as substantiating this position.

Thus far I agree with the gentleman from Franklin, but I cannot see my way clear to go with him and advise an immediate election under the new Constitution, and an immediate session of the General Assembly, when all the wheels of a State Government shall be put in motion, irrespective of the action of Congress upon our application for admission. Here Mr. E. presented his objections to the position of Mr. SMITH, and maintained the views indicated above. He contended that inasmuch as a territorial form of Government was recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States, and hence a legal form of Government, no other Government could be substituted so long as that was in existence without risking the most serious consequences, to say the least. He was not so sanguine as his friend in thinking that we should be received into the Union at once, and referred to the admission of several new States, showing that but few of them had been admitted the same year that they applied. Quoting a pertinent sentiment of BURKE in his reflections on the French Revolution, Mr. EMERY earnestly urged the Convention not to go too fast—not to peril the great and glorious cause committed to the hands of the freemen of this Territory, by placing them in an attitude that would compromise their present high position. Precipitancy in matters of Government was crime. J. S. E.

TOPEKA, K. T., Thursday, Nov. 1, 1855.

SCRIP AND BANKS.

Yesterday afternoon the matter of *Kansas Scrip* was before the Convention, and action was taken throwing safeguards around the issuing of these bonds, so as to prevent frauds. The Executive Committee who have the matter in hand were instructed for what expenses to issue these bonds, which draw ten per cent. interest.

To-day the bank question has been under discussion all day, and but little progress made. The report prohibiting all banks was severely attacked, and an amendment proposed, providing for a State Bank and five branches. This amendment came from a Whig, and it was voted down, and after much being said for and against banks, the report was recommitted with instructions to report a provision authorizing the Assembly to adopt a free banking system. This provision to be submitted to the people, with the constitution, as a separate article for their adoption or rejection.

This disposition was made from the fact that the bank question was not discussed before the people, and inasmuch as they had expressed no opinion in the premises, this was thought to be the more proper way to settle the matter. This is a highly important question to our people. While Missouri has a very restrictive banking system, there being little or no circulation of her bills in the Western part of the State, Iowa has no banks at all. Thus we are almost surrounded by a hard-money currency.

During this debate the existence of the two great political parties came in question. Mr. DELAHAY made the assertion that the Banking System helped kill the Whig Party, whereupon Judge WAKEFIELD contended that the Party was not dead, but had been resurrected of late, and that the Democratic Party was just taking possession of the old second-hand tenter. Generally speaking, however, there is a good degree of harmony characterizing the doings of the body. Each member seems to feel that the common cause should be endangered by no side issues, and hence each one is ready to bring his offerings of prejudice and affection and lay it on the altar of the common good, a sacrifice to the divinity of patriotism.

EVENING SESSION.

Gen. SCHNEIDER, Judge WAKEFIELD, W. Y. ROBERTS, Esq., and Dr. ROBINSON, made able speeches this evening on the Immediate-organization question. The difference between the two divisions on this subject is this: While one part of the Convention maintain that we have the right to go at once to work as a sovereign State, independent of the action of Congress, and hence urge an election just as soon as the people ratify the Constitution, the more conservative part dissuade any such action, and advise a plan by which no session of the Assembly shall be had until Congress shall have full time to act upon our application, either by withdrawing the Territorial Government, or by admitting the State. The Committee rose at a late hour, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow evening.

FRIDAY, Nov. 2.

TESTING AMERICA.

The report on the legislative branch of the Constitution has occupied the Convention to-day, and nothing of special interest occurred in its discussion, except that old fogyism made its appearance and received a severe castigation at the hands of Young America. This was decidedly amusing. The old members all declared themselves *fast* men, and did not wish to be understood as opposing, in the least, the idea that Kansas should be a *fast* State. They evidently had an eye to the loaves and fishes and to the influence of Young America in the distribution of office.

SLAVERY.

In the evening, in Committee of the Whole, Mr. DELAHAY enunciated his plan for leaving the Constitution silent on the Slavery question, making a provision for letting the people vote after we are admitted whether Slavery shall exist in Kansas or not. He contended that we should meet with far less opposition in Congress in our application for admission, and that we thus should be carrying out the Squatter principle. But this plan can receive no support from the Free-State Party, nor from the overwhelming majority of the Convention, as the report from the Committee on a Bill of Rights indicates, which was reported the next morning, declaring that there should be no Slavery or involuntary servitude in Kansas. M. DELAHAY is an Administration Democrat, and Editor of the Leavenworth *Register*, and he seems particularly anxious to so shape the Constitution as to keep this "peculiar institution" in abeyance till we are received.

During the discussion it was maintained that, if we go on before Congress acts, and undertake to enforce our laws, that will be an act of treason and punishable as such. Further consideration of this perplexing question was deferred till Tuesday next. SATURDAY, Nov. 3.

Reports from the Committees on the judiciary and on local officers were submitted, and a Committee appointed to draw up a memorial to be presented to Congress with the Constitution, laying before that body the causes which compelled the people to frame it, &c. This brings me to the end of another week in noticing the doings of the Constitutional Convention of Kansas. It has been in session two weeks, and probably cannot get through short of two weeks more. This is a short time to frame the organic law for a State; but perhaps just as perfect an instrument will be drawn up as if six months should be consumed in the work. E.

TOPEKA, K. T., Monday, Nov. 5, 1855.

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

There are three important questions now before the Convention, and they are these, and I have alluded to two of them before. One is the Resolution of Mr. DELAHAY, indorsing the principle of *non-intervention by Congress* in the local affairs of Kansas. Another is the question of *immediate organization as a State*. And still another, which is the plan to *leave the Slavery clause out of the Constitution, and submit on the people to vote yea or nay on the subject*, after we are admitted.

There is the deepest interest felt throughout the Territory, so far as I can learn in the settlement of these three Questions. The parties in the Convention stand as follows on these several subjects:

The Democrats are divided on the first above named, while the Free Sollers and Whigs are united against it.

To the second, those Democrats who favor the first Resolution are arrayed in opposition, and the Free-Sollers are divided upon it.

But in regard to the third question there are but few members who support it, yet these few are strong men in debate and will resort to all the artifices of demagogues to get it through the House.

The Reports on Education, Jurisprudence and Apportionment passed the Committee of the Whole. The distinction between Law and Equity is abolished, and liberal provisions made for educational purposes. Mr. KLOCK, of Pawnee, moved a resolution providing for the Convention to adjourn to the 4th of March next, when it should meet and determine the day for an election and the meeting of the Assembly under the Constitution, and he supported the same in an able speech.

NON-INTERVENTION.

The evening session is being occupied in a most exciting and earnest debate on the Non-Intervention resolutions of Mr. DELAHAY. It will be seen, by reference to one of my former communications, that the original resolution made mention of the Kansas bill, and recommended a strict observance of its principles. But the resolution reported by the Special Committee, to whom the former was referred, is somewhat modified, and reads as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention approve the principles of Squatter Sovereignty and Non-Intervention by the people of the States, as well as by Congress, in the local affairs of Territories and States.

It is readily observed that this resolution contains the gist of the original one, and as such it is, while I write, most zealously being opposed by the Free Sollers and a portion of the Democrats. Two speeches have this evening been made in favor of it, and Mr. SCHUYLER, formerly from New-York; is while I am writing, making the second speech against it.

The following resolution was offered as an amendment, but ruled out of order by the Chair. It indicates the view taken of Mr. DELAHAY'S by those on the opposition. It was moved to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert—

That this Convention does not consider its legitimate business to be to make Presidents or to build up this or that political party, but to frame a Constitution for the people of Kansas; and we hereby stamp with disapprobation any attempt of any person to introduce matters foreign to the business of this Convention.

EXCLUSION OF FREE NEGROES.

TOPEKA, K. T., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1855.

The following report has been under discussion to-day:

The Standing Committee on miscellaneous business reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is made the duty of the Executive Committee of Kansas Territory, to cause to be issued to the people of Kansas a proclamation, submitting to the electors, for their approval or disapproval, the question of the passage of stringent laws by the first Legislature for *the exclusion of free negroes from this State*. The question to be submitted in the following form: "Exclusion of negroes and mulattoes, aye or no, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of said laws, then the said vote shall operate as instructions to the first Legislature upon said question.

This subject is one of great interest to the Free-State Party, and this report will serve as a good index of the public sentiment of a large majority of the Convention in the premises. The report was adopted, after throwing the question into a direct form. The party is well satisfied with this disposition of the matter, and in some such form it will be brought before the people. One thing is certain: it will find no place in the Constitution, and that is the main thing contended for by the Free-Soil wing of the Party.

STATE CAPITAL.

This morning a resolution was offered limiting the time of adjournment, when Mr. DUNCAN'S resolution came up for consideration. It is as follows:

Resolved, That the first Legislature be required to locate a permanent seat of government on unoccupied lands, and the proceeds of the sales of said land be applied to the erection of State buildings and for school purposes.

The question of the permanent seat of government will not occupy the attention of this Convention as a matter of course, and this resolution will be laid aside, probably, without much debate, but the temporary seat of government will claim no little share of public interest. And there is a strong probability now that Lawrence will be the temporary seat of government, at any rate. This is the prospect of affairs to-day. I may add that Mr. D.'s resolution was voted down.

TUESDAY EVENING, 6½ o'clock.

IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATION.

The debate is again resumed on the resolution for immediate organization. Judge WAKEFIELD again spoke in support of it, and urged an election on the 1st of January and a session of the General Assembly about the 1st of March. Mr. HOLLIDAY followed in a lengthy speech in support also. Col. LANE ditto. Mr. FARRAND, of Leavenworth, submitted a preamble setting forth the principles on which the resolution was based. He did this not because he indorsed it, but to compel the supporters of the resolution to show their colors. The preamble reads thus: "Whereas, it is the sense of this Convention that a territorial form of government is both unconstitutional and without any authority of law—that the people have a right to establish an independent form of government in opposition to the wishes and opinions of the General Government, therefore," &c. It will be seen at once what is the view of the subject taken by the mover, and it also shows the real difference between the two parties in the Convention on this all important subject. Mr. SMITH and Col. LANE denied assuming any such ground as that taken in the preamble.

On the rise of the Committee, letters were read from the Governors of Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Virginia, in answer to requests made for copies of the Constitutions of those States. Many of them assured us of their sympathy.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

This afternoon the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Resolved, That human life shall ever be held inviolate; the true object of punishment being, in addition to the security of society, to reform and not to exterminate mankind; that human life shall never be taken as punishment for crime; but the highest punishment inflicted for crime shall be imprisonment during life in the State Penitentiary.

No action has been taken upon it, nor has any discussion been had.

DIVORCE.

Mrs. C. J. H. NICHOLS appeared in Convention by sending in a book on *Divorce*, for its consideration, which, without *any comment*, was referred to the Committee, on making a provision in the Constitution for securing the rights of women in regard to their property and control over their children. The Convention some days since indicated no decided proclivity towards "Women's Rights," on a motion to strike out the word "male," as a qualification for voting. E.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Our Foreign Relations—The Organization of the House—The Speakership, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 19.

This is Cabinet day, but no meeting has been held—a gratifying evidence that nothing important is pressing in our foreign relations.

The President is occupied in preparing his message.

The Know-Nothing leaders claim to have settled the organization of the House in their own way. It is supposed, however, that the House itself will have something to say in the matter.

Among the candidates for the Speakership now talked of are PENNINGTON, of New-Jersey, and MEACHAM, of Vermont. S.

United States Senator from Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Nov. 19.

In the Missouri Legislature, on Saturday last, a resolution to go into the election of United States Senator, on the last Monday of the present month, was read twice, and, after an elaborate discussion, was finally passed.

Severe Storm on Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, Monday, Nov. 19.

On Friday night and Saturday morning a severe gale from the eastward, visited this part of Lake Michigan. The schooner *Reindeer* was driven ashore about half a mile north of the piers. She has a cargo of bricks, and will probably prove a total loss. Her owners are Captain GILMORE and BENJAMIN PERLEY, of Milwaukee.

The schooner *St. Lawrence* is ashore at Grosse Point, but will probably be got off. She is owned by GEO. STEELE, of Chicago. The schooner WM. A. *Small*, HOOKER, is also ashore just north of the pier.

Attempted Bank Robbery.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Monday, Nov. 19.

At 9 o'clock last evening, as the Clerk of the Pynchon Bank was going into the Bank for the night, he was seized by two men, who had been waiting for him in the dark passage. They demanded of him where the Cashier lived, which he refused to tell, when one of them plunged a knife at his breast, which penetrated his coat, but struck a thick wallet with coin in it, which saved a wound. The Clerk then shouted murder, and the burglars fled. No clue to the would-be robbers has yet been obtained.

Marine Disasters.

BOSTON, Monday, Nov. 19.

The new ship *Isaac H. Boardman*, which was ashore on Whale's Back, near Portsmouth, N. H., on Saturday, got off the same evening without damage, and was towed to sea yesterday. The brig *Black Hawk*, PARKS, from New-York for Calais, put into Provincetown, last night, with loss of part of deck load.

Suicide in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 19.

E. DESBUZ, an eminent mineralogist, of North Carolina, committed suicide by cutting his throat at his hotel, in this city, this morning, on account of pecuniary embarrassments. He was the discoverer of gold in North Carolina.

Rachel in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 19.

Mme. RACHEL'S *début* in this city attracted an immense and fashionable audience, and the utmost enthusiasm was evinced at her performance of "Camille," in *Les Horaces*.

Know-Nothing Celebration.

ROCHESTER, Monday, Nov. 19.

The American Party in this city are having a triumphant glorification this evening in honor of their recent State victories.

Weather Reports.

BOSTON, Monday, Nov. 19—A. M.

A light snow is falling here. At Bangor, one inch of snow has fallen this morning, the weather being cold. At Eastport the weather is clear and cold, and at Calais it is the same.

☞ Dr. T. ROMEYN BECK, of Albany, died in that city on Sunday last. He was a man of eminent ability and usefulness—having been for many years actively connected with several of the most important educational and benevolent institutions of the State. He was Secretary of the Board of Regents of the University at the time of his death.

☞ The New-York County Canvassers have reached in their canvass the returns of the Third Ward. Those of First District of the First Ward were sent back to the Inspectors for correction. The others went smoothly enough, but an affidavit was put in showing great irregularity in the proceedings of the Inspectors of the Second District of the First Ward. Probably the Canvassers will get through by Christmas. So mote it be.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

What are the Causes for a Rupture with England?

THE BARK MAURY.

The Chamber of Commerce held a special session yesterday at the Merchants' Bank, to take into consideration the seizure of the bark Maury, as bearing upon a possible war with Great Britain. There was a very large attendance of members. PRESIDENT PERIT, Esq., the President, occupied the Chair.

Mr. PERIT, on calling the meeting to order, said that this special meeting had been called on the written request of five members of the Board, and also at the verbal request of many others. The object of the meeting was to look into the facts relating to the bark *Maury*, which was seized in October last, as was supposed, at the instigation of the British Minister or Consul. It was a few days after released on application of the owner. It appearing from the character of the owner, the equipment and every other circumstance that had connection with her, that there was nothing on which to base suspicion. The matter would have rested there, with her release, had it not been that the last steamer brings from England intelligence, that when Mr. BUCHANAN called on Lord PALMERSTON for an explanation of the motive for sending the fleet to the West Indies, he was *furnished with a bundle of documents representing the entire case of the Maury*; and through all the papers of the United States, as of Great Britain, it has gone forth that her case has formed the principal cause of hostile sentiment. The imputation rests unfavorably on the owners of the vessel, and as much so on this community; and it is the duty of this Chamber to inquire fully into all the facts, so that that impression may be dispelled.

THE BARK MAURY.

The facts in brief seem to be these. The *Maury* was built for the China trade, upon a new model. A ship of the same make had previously been built by the same owner,—had been dispatched and had returned. Nothing in construction or equipment had justified the least suspicion. It was the most causeless seizure ever made, resulting in much injury to the owner of the vessel, and leaving an unjust imputation on the commercial community. The subject is before you, gentlemen of the Board, (said Mr. P.,) to do what pleases you in relation to it.

Mr. MOSES GRINNELL followed. I rise, said he, for the purpose of offering the following

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, It appears from information derived from reliable sources, that the representation made by the British Government respecting the bark *Maury*, which was seized at this port in October last, on suspicion of being fitted out as a privateer, to cruise under the Russian flag, was the principal cause of ordering the fleet to the West India station, which has caused so high an excitement in England.

And whereas, It is just and proper that the respectable owner of the vessel, and this community, should be relieved from the imputation thus causelessly thrown upon them,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the facts connected with the seizure of the ship *Maury*, and to report the same at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Mr. President, said Mr. G., in offering this resolution I ask it as an especial favor that I be not named as Chairman of the Committee. I am, however, ready to work with any one.

Mr. JAMES LEE—I should like to know what are the facts that have so far been elicited. I should like to know what there is before the Chamber at present on this subject.

Mr. GRINNELL resumed—There can't be any question as to the facts, nor that the course adopted by the Consul was unjust, unreasonable and unwarranted. The object of this resolution is to appoint a Committee of say ten, that they may obtain a full knowledge of all the facts, and that on reporting they may show that the merchants of the City of New-York are not participants in arranging and carrying out any system of privateering from this port. The object now is to get at all the facts of the seizure,—to obtain a knowledge of the basis on which the Consul acted, and indeed everything connected with the matter.

Mr. LEE—The only thing I have in view, is that before we make any movement, which would be generally known to the public, we should explain that we have good grounds for action. I think we should have the facts laid before this meeting as far as is possible, and then we can take action on them.

Mr. PERIT—The reason assigned here is to clear the merchants of New-York from suspicion of privateering.

Mr. WILLIAM STEVENS said there was enough before the Chamber, and before the community, to warrant the investigation which is here proposed. But I think that your resolution does not cover the whole ground. We know that the ship was not fitted out for privateering purposes, and yet it is believed that she was, by many, to the injury of the fair fame of the house. There might have been with strangers some grounds for a suspicion that it was so intended, but we know that the house would not be engaged in such a proceeding. There is no reason in the world why this community should so long remain subject to this imputation. We should not have permitted it for twenty-four hours. But there may be representations to show why the British Government or representative acted as he did; if there are not, it is our duty to find out, for then they have subjected themselves to severe censure. I want to know when that explanation took place in our Courts, why the proper documents and evidences did not go to Britain by the steamer following? Why was the British nation left to think so badly of us? I do not wish to denounce any one, but I think that this Chamber should get at all the facts, and then do whatever may be regarded as right in the premises.

Mr. LEE—I want it to be understood that I do not go against the resolution. I only wanted that the public should be put into full possession of all the facts before we take our action.

Mr. STEVENS—Well, let us get at the facts.

Mr. LEE—As I understand it, a French officer called on the British Consul and represented that he had understood that the vessel was being so fitted out.

Mr. PERIT—When this vessel was seized the owner felt much aggrieved, and would at that time have asked of the Chamber to investigate the matter had not the seizure been withdrawn. There it would have ended if it had not have been for the presentation of the documents to Mr. BUCHANAN at London.

Mr. GRINNELL—I have taken some trouble to get at these facts, and have heard the story of the British Consul and of the District Attorney. I think that this Chamber should take some action; and when it is taken I have no doubt but that it will be satisfactory,—at least we shall have done our duty as members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Several amendments were offered to the resolution as above.

Mr. LEE stated that he had received a letter from a friend in England, who had mentioned that a correspondent in Glasgow had received a communication from a member of the Government, advising him to withdraw his property from the United States.

The resolution then passed, with an alteration making the preamble to read that this is "*one of the* principal causes," &c., instead of "*the* principal cause."

It was then decided that the Committee should consist of ten members, to be selected by the Chair. The Chairman thereupon appointed the following

COMMITTEE:

Messrs. Moses H. Grinnell, George Griswold, Charles H. Marshall, John A. Stevens, Thomas Tillotson, R. C. Goodhue, Royal Phelps, James Lee, Stewart Brown and E. D. Morgan.

The Board then adjourned.

A Note from John Van Buren on the Election.

To the Editors of the Albany Atlas:

GENTS.—As I anticipated, a systematic effort is now making to establish the fact that the Democrats of the State of New-York were defeated at the late election through some act of omission or commission of mine. *To this I do not object*, but I desire the Democrats of the State to understand who are the parties engaged in it, and I shall take my own time and way of meeting it. You have copied with silent approval two assaults of this kind, one from the Rochester *Union*, and the other from the Ulster *Republican*. Both are founded on my letter to the Washington *Union*, which you republished with high encomiums at the time it appeared. The Washington *Union* and the New-York *Day Book* are also engaged in this effort.

Will you do me the favor to publish this note? Also allow me to add that the *Day Book* daily shrinks one-half in size under the withering approval of the Washington *Union*; earns a scanty subsistence at the New-York Custom-House, and the editor of the Ulster *Republican* is closely affiliated with the same institution. Yours truly,

NEW-YORK, Nov. 16, 1855. J. VAN BUREN.

MARKET REPORTS.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 15, 1859.

ASHES.—Pots are dull at $5 12½ for first sort. Pearls are nominal at $6 25.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour has been in fair demand for export and the home trade, and prices have ruled firm. The sales reported to-day are 10,000 bbls. at $4 90@$5 for superfine State; $5@$5 05 for extra State; $5 05@$5 10 for superfine Western; $5 05@$5 15 for extra Western; $5 10@$5 15 for superfine Ohio; $5 15@$5 25 for extra Ohio; $5 25@$5 30 for superfine trade brands round hoop Ohio; $5 30@$5 40 for extra do.; $5 40@$5 50 for fancy do.; $5 50@$5 60 for extra Genesee; $5 60@$5 70 for fancy do.; $5 70@$5 80 for superfine white wheat Michigan; $5 80@$5 90 for extra do.; $5 90@$6 for fancy do.; $6@$6 10 for superfine round hoop Ohio; $6 10@$6 20 for extra do.; $6 20@$6 30 for fancy do.; $6 30@$6 40 for superfine trade brands Ohio; $6 40@$6 50 for extra do.; $6 50@$6 60 for fancy do.; $6 60@$6 70 for superfine white wheat Michigan; $6 70@$6 80 for extra do.; $6 80@$6 90 for fancy do.; $6 90@$7 for superfine Indiana; $7@$7 10 for extra do.; $7 10@$7 20 for fancy do.; $7 20@$7 30 for superfine white wheat Michigan; $7 30@$7 40 for extra do.; $7 40@$7 50 for fancy do.; $7 50@$7 60 for superfine Indiana; 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From Kansas.

We publish, from our correspondents, reports of the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of Kansas to the 6th inst. They will be read with interest. It will be seen that, although this is a Free-State Convention, and decidedly opposed to the admission of Slavery into the Territory, it is equally opposed to the admission of *free* negroes, and that it does not, by any means, deserve the reputation which certain persons have sought to fasten upon it, of being Abolition in its sentiments and tendencies.

Organization of Congress.

The organization of the House of Representatives, although actually down on the calendar for next Monday week, will scarcely be completed on that day. More than ordinary interest attaches to the business. Much must be done by the incoming House to decide the fate of Kansas, and to allay Pro-Slavery agitation; and whether it shall be done so as to reflect the manifest public sentiment of the country, or the private views of the Guy Fawkes school of statesmanship,—the DOUGLASES, ATCHISONS, and STRINGFELLOWS, who have been having their own way lately,—will depend largely upon the making of the Speaker, who has the making of the Committees, of whom one will have substantially the making of a Kansas Delegate. Indeed, consent appears to have settled so unanimously upon the latter point, as the test question of the whole controversy, that strenuous resistance may be expected to the choice of the majority, who will naturally name an Anti-Nebraska candidate to the Speakership.

As an intimation, therefore, of what may happen, the appearance of General CULLOM's name, as eligible for the Clerkship of the House, has especial significance. General CULLOM is a "pet name" with the American Party. As one of the earliest and staunchest members of the Order, he has been one of the gentlemen who manage national questions; and, had he been fortunate enough to secure reelection to his seat, he might have united all suffrages for the Speakership. Beaten, however, at home, there is nothing left but a change of programme. Mr. CULLOM accordingly comes forward as Clerk: and the inference is perhaps not unreasonable, that his friends are willing to throw the Speakership north of Mason and Dixon's line. It seems to be pretty generally conceded, that the new Speaker will be from the Free States—and according to present appearances Mr. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, is the most prominent candidate. He will be supported by those who sustain Mr. CULLOM for Clerk,—as their political alliance is understood to be close.

There will be a sharp contest, however, in the ranks of the KNOW-NOTHINGS,—and it is by no means certain that their union will be able to withstand the disturbing effect of the Nebraska issue. That question has dissolved all other parties, and it broke the Know-Nothing organization at Washington. It may possibly do so again. There is a marked difference of sentiment and purpose, rather than of opinion, on this subject, among the Know-Nothings. One section will seek to act with the South,—and will probably urge the nomination of S. G. HAVEN, of New-York, for Speaker. The other will deem it more important to retain the North, by maintaining a thoroughly Free-Soil attitude: and it is from this section that Mr. CAMPBELL's support will come.

Our Washington correspondent states that new names are introduced into the canvass,—that PENNINGTON, of New-Jersey, and MEACHAM, of Vermont, are mentioned as likely to be supported for the Speakership. We are inclined to think that the contest will lie between Messrs. HAVEN and CAMPBELL,—and if the Know-Nothings cannot act together, we should not be surprised to see the Southern vote thrown into the scale.

The "Joseph Walker" in Law.

A communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, sent in to the Common Council last evening, conveys the pleasing intelligence of eight lawsuits against the Mayor, Comptroller, the Corporation and private parties, which have grown out of the *Joseph Walker* troubles. Two of these suits are brought against the Corporation, others against "FERNANDO Wood and eleven Policemen," and the last is by Alderman HENRICK himself, against Messrs. Wood and FLAGG. In the Board of Aldermen, which held a long debate on this subject, Mr. HENRICK vehemently denied that he entertained any spite against the Mayor,—in fact, he rather liked him,—only he was determined to see justice done, and to adopt such action as seemed to him proper. His motion for a reference of the whole subject to the Board of Councilmen failed only by a tie vote. Meanwhile, Mr. DILLON's communication will set people thinking where the end is to be.

Our British Relations.

The Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting yesterday to discuss our threatened difficulties with Great Britain. It was stated that Lord PALMERSTON had assigned the suspicious circumstances connected with the bark *Maury*, as the reason why the British West India squadron had been strengthened; and the meeting was held ostensibly to discuss and investigate this rumor.

The bark *Maury*, it will be remembered, was seized on the 17th of October, by authority of the United States District Attorney, upon evidence furnished by the British Consul, and creating the suspicion that she had been fitted out for the Russian service as a Privateer. The fact that several cannon and cutlasses, with powder, shot, &c., were found stored under her cargo of cotton, gave rise to the suspicion. An investigation showed that she belonged to the firm of LOW, BROTHERS, and was fitted out for a voyage to China;—that she had two deck guns to defend herself against Chinese pirates, and that the other guns, &c., had been shipped to the order of an American merchant in Canton. The Counsel of the British Consul, upon proof of these facts, withdrew his complaint,—and thus ended the whole affair. It is scarcely possible that, under such circumstances, the British Government should have considered this sufficient ground for sending a hostile fleet into our vicinity, after their agent had abandoned all proceedings in regard to the vessel. The rumor, however, afforded our merchants an excellent opportunity for resenting the imputation, that they were disposed to enter upon the business of privateering; and it will be seen by the report of the meeting, that they availed themselves of it to the fullest extent.

We adhere—in spite of semi-official assurances to the contrary,—to the belief we have repeatedly expressed, that it is in regard to Mr. CRAMPTON, that the two Governments are most at variance. Whatever other misunderstandings may exist, this is the one upon which the collision is most direct. Our Government charges the British Minister with improper conduct involving the violation of our laws,—and desires his recall, as also the withdrawal of the Consuls implicated in the same misconduct. The British Government, on the other hand, regards our treatment of its representative as grossly unjust, unfriendly, and in violation of the courtesy which should always govern the conduct of friendly powers. Upon this point the two Governments are directly at variance:—and we are confident that the withdrawal of Mr. CRAMPTON will be found an indispensable condition to an amicable adjustment of the controversy.

We have no doubt that the whole difficulty will be adjusted, and that, too, without any loss of dignity or honor on the part of either country. What our Government desires is, not the punishment of Mr. CRAMPTON, but his absence. The President has a perfect right to say that, whatever may be the character of the action Mr. CRAMPTON has taken,—whether it was in the discharge of his duty or not, and whether the explanations tendered by his Government are satisfactory or not,—it is not agreeable to us, nor conducive to the interests of the two countries, that Great Britain should be represented here by a person who has been confessedly engaged in the violation of our law—and, upon this ground, he may very justly and very properly indicate a desire that Mr. CRAMPTON should be replaced. Nor is it easy to see upon what ground Great Britain could decline compliance with such a request. If she chooses Mr. CRAMPTON's withdrawal might be made the occasion of his promotion,—as there are just now two or three higher diplomatic posts than that he now holds, at the disposal of the government.

We presume that this is the way in which the differences between the two Governments, growing out of this matter, will be adjusted. As to war between England and this country, for any such frivolous cause as this, nobody believes it possible. Even if the two governments were so insane as to dream of such an issue, *the people* of both countries are too wise and too powerful to permit it.

The Cheap Defence of Nations.

There is a cheaper defence of nations than the Spirit of Chivalry which BURKE invoked,—and that is the Spirit of Trade. When the English people were nursing their wrath against Russia, and debating whether it would be worth their while to go to war with that great power, the organs of public opinion, or feeling, showed by abstracts from the reports of the yearly tables, that the trade between the two countries was not sufficiently large to cause any apprehensions of disaster from its interruption; and, when that point was at once clearly established, the policy of war was no longer a question, and to war they went. If Russia were kept out with her "tallow," there was not likely to be any serious difficulty, and the wheels of trade would keep revolving as briskly and steadily as ever. The war with Russia was merely a question of commerce; the sentiment of honor, the spirit of chivalry, and compassion for Turkey, were all held suspended until the more important question, "How will the war affect the interests of Trade?" could be satisfactorily answered. A little figuring soon sufficed to show that Russian commerce was too small a matter to stand in the way of "satisfaction for the past and ample security for the future." So the war commenced.

But, when the "Thunderer of Printing-House-square," began to broach the idea of a war with the United States, the Spirit of Trade, the cheap defence of nations, howled out a rebellious veto which settled the question at once. No figuring was necessary to shew what the disastrous effects of such a war would be, for the whole nation felt to its marrow what dire consequences must inevitably follow such an event. Manchester and Liverpool and Birmingham and Nottingham, and not Downing-street and Printing-House-square, were the authorities to decide this question.

When the Honorable GEORGE SUTHERLAND, the present Lord STRATHERNE, published his "Historic Ranches," there was one croquet in his poem which nipped his reputation in the bud. It was as follows:

"Let laws and learning, trade and commerce die,
But let us keep our old nobility."

The idea of there being any noblesse better worth keeping than trade and commerce, was rather too much for the stomach of John Bull, and he fairly laughed the young poet out of all conceit with himself, and he has never since had the courage to publish another verse.

It is the fashion among the noble and heroic legislators of England to sneer at the Manchester school of politicians, but, in the long run, the Manchester school carries the day. Free Trade is the chief and the cheapest defence of nations. Two countries that are doing a profitable business with each other in the free exchange of commodities, will not be likely to go to war with each other.

The commerce of the United States with all the maritime nations is so extensive,—we offer so good a market for the surplus produce of all other countries, and have so many valuable commodities to exchange with them—that there is no nation in so prosperous a condition as to be able to go to war with us. So, while we have perfect confidence in our strength to meet any other nation in a contest, and can never submit to any indignity from a sense of weakness, our surest guarantee for peace, and our best defence against aggression, must be in our commercial relations, and the necessity of other nations to keep on terms of amity with us. It is the same principle which must forever tend to bind the States of our Union together, and prevent the disruption which mad political speculators are ever and anon attempting to frighten the country by prophesying the danger of. The cheap defence of nations is unrestricted trade, and not the Spirit of Chivalry which BURKE vaunted of so beautifully.

A Peep Behind the Curtain.

It is too much the custom with us to regard the newspaper press of London, and the *Times* in particular, as *speaking the opinion of the people*, and as giving us a correct account of current events from which the complexion of *popular opinion may be inferred*, and we are often misled by trusting too implicitly to these organs. The Press of this country affords a very fair indication of the popular mind, or at least furnishes that reliable report of passing events, from which it may be discovered.

No public movements are here ever suppressed by the daily papers; they are incessant in learning every incident that occurs, and quick to publish it to the world without regard to the consequences. But the case is very different, it would seem, in London, where, though there is no Constitutional Censor, there is a Supervisor of the Press, at whose bidding important intelligence is suppressed. At least so says the *Empire*, an able weekly journal, of large circulation and influence, published in London. A recent number of that paper gives an account of the existence of an extensive organization in England, of which we have seen no mention elsewhere, called the "Stop-the-War-League." In reference to this new League the *Empire* gives the following surprising particulars:

"Already the people of this great metropolis have expressed their disapproval of further bloodshed, and in that open and disputative way which leaves no doubt, and which is peculiar to the Saxon race. *Within a period of some ten weeks, and in the arena of some ten free, crowded, and public assemblies*, and after amendments were moved and debates were encountered, the citizens of London have, by large majorities, declared their conviction to be *that the war should terminate*, because conducted without design and pursued only that we may reap disaster.

But the public Press of this country has violated its recognized mission by *suppressing these decisions of the people*. The editors of metropolitan journals were duly apprised that the meetings would be held—they were favored through the ordinary channels with reports of what had occurred when the meetings were over—nay, they were themselves represented at these demonstrations by their own agents. Nevertheless, they have felt that their interest would be best served by withholding the truth; and how far the private friends of the First Minister of the Crown instructed the journalists thus to act, we will not say. It is only sufficient to know that the newspapers leagued together to falsify London, and it now remains for those who influence public opinion to league together and defend themselves against the newspapers."

It is very probable that there may be some exaggeration in this statement, but then there must be a good deal of truth in it; and, if the anti-war feeling is as strong as the *Empire* represents it, it cannot very long be suppressed, and, on the reassembling of Parliament we shall hear more about it. The tremendous excitement caused by the rumors of a difficulty with this country, pretty clearly shows that the people of England are in no humor at present for more war, whether they are desirous of putting an end to the one they are now engaged in or not.

The Mayor and Police Clerks.

There are four or five Police Courts in this City, each of which has a Clerk, who receives a salary of twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. Last year the law directed that these Clerks should be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City. The Mayor construed this to mean that he was to nominate and the Aldermen confirm. The Aldermen held that the Mayor was to meet with them, and be entitled simply to a vote. This difference prevented any decisive action.

But at the last session of the Legislature, a law was passed, designed to remove the doubt which hung over the case. It prescribed that the Clerks were to be elected by the Mayor and Aldermen;—and that if the Mayor did not attend after eight days' notice, the Aldermen might elect without him. Under this act, at the beginning of the year, the Aldermen notified the Mayor of a meeting for the purpose of electing Clerks. The Mayor declined to attend,—but *appointed Clerks himself*. After eight days the Aldermen met and elected Clerks;—but the Mayor refused to recognize or swear them into office. And when their first quarter had expired he refused to pay them,—insisting that the Clerks whom he had appointed, were entitled to the money.

One of the elected Clerks, WM. H. CANNIFF, sued him, and the Court gave judgment in his favor. The Mayor appealed: and, as may be seen by our Court record to-day, the judgement of the Court below was *affirmed with costs*. What new step the Mayor will take to avoid payment, we cannot conjecture.

Mayor WOOD came into office avowing his determination to act for the good of the City, and independently of political parties. Yet he is forcing the City to incur large expenses, in order to keep officers elected according to law, from receiving pay for their services,—for no other reason than that they are *Whigs*,—whereas he wished the money to be given to the *Democrats* whom he has, without a shadow of authority, put into these offices.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Further Details Concerning the Case of Mr. Crampton.

Reply to the British View of the Question—Interesting Parliamentary.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 18, 1855.

Your special Washington dispatch relative to the CRAMPTON affair, published in yesterday's TIMES, over the signature of "Z. Z.," has attracted some attention here,—and the more so because it bears internal evidence of being the production of an Englishman, who speaks of the United States as "the United North American Colonies," and who is suspected of being an official personage, and of speaking by authority. It professes to be a statement of the British side of the question. It is well that we have such at last,—and that we thus derive the opportunity to answer explicitly all the objections which England interposes, or which can be interposed for her, to the course which the American Government has felt itself called upon to take in regard to Mr. CRAMPTON.

A POSITIVE DENIAL OF PERSONS.

I trust the importance of this controversy to the honor, as well as the peace of Great Britain and the United States, will secure careful attention to some statements of fact, and some points of argument which, I think, will show "Z. Z.'s" statement to be quite untrue in some of its allegations, and far from correct in its argument and deductions. In the first place, *I deny absolutely that, up to this hour, Great Britain has presented any demands of* "redress for the gross insults inflicted upon them in the person of their Minister,"—which is the correspondent's mode of describing a respectful demand for Mr. CRAMPTON's recall.

WHAT LORD CLARENDON SAYS.

If it be true, as we are told, that the reinforcements of the British fleet in our waters was ordered "in view of possible perils" to arise out of this Crampton controversy, then Lord CLARENDON is guilty of the most disgraceful falsehood, and has added another indelible stain to the numbers which already sully the page of English diplomacy,—*for he has assured our Government that the sole object of the fleet is to intercept Russian Privateers, and that no present nor contemplated relations with the United States had influenced the measure.* Besides, you will remember that the *Asia* brought us the *Times* and other London journals first containing the articles *relative to the fleet and its objects*,—and that the steamer preceding the *Asia*, as I stated in my last, brought the first announcement to our Government that the reinforcements had been ordered.

Now you will remember that these publications contained not a word about Mr. CUSHING's "insulting" letters addressed to District Attorney VAN DYCK, at Philadelphia. They did not reach London until *after* the sailing of the *Asia*; so you will see that all the fuss made by the English press about Mr. CUSHING's letters, and the attempt to present them as part of the reasons for sending over the fleet, is an after-thought,—the fleet having been ordered between two and three weeks before the British Government knew of the existence of those letters. Thus, at the outset, "Z. Z." is convicted of misrepresentation—is proven either to be unable or unwilling to tell the truth in regard to the important and interesting subject of his dispatch.

BRITAIN'S PRETENCE OF SATISFACTION CONSIDERED.

The pretence of satisfaction for the attempts at enlistment in the United States, set up by the advocate of the British side of the case is, that in answer to Mr. MARCY's first letter of remonstrance (written some time last June, I think) Lord CLARENDON replied that they would desist from recruiting in the United States, and that they had given stringent instructions, when the recruiting commenced, that it should be done in such a way as not to violate our Act of Congress known as the Neutrality law. The British Government did not deny, nor does their apologist deny for them, that they *had* undertaken to recruit within our territory, without our consent. On the contrary, they expressly admit it when they say they gave orders to so conduct the recruiting here as not to violate our statute. And this admission is confirmed by the London *Times* when it claims that Great Britain was induced to engage in the recruiting by the assurances of Mr. BUCHANAN,—and by the *Albion* and other journals when they assert that Mr. CRAMPTON was induced to mix in the scheme by the assurances of Mr. MARCY. Indeed, late in June or early in July last, Lord PALMERSTON when interrogated upon the subject in the House of Commons, publicly stated that the Government had *desisted* from its efforts to recruit within our dominions. Of course if the enlisting had not been attempted, there could have been no desisting. *And Lord Palmerston's announcement is the last we have heard officially from Her Majesty's Government on the subject.*

Mr. MARCY of course replied that desisting from the wrong was all very well, but that this could not end the matter, or atone for the wrong already done. In supposing this desisting to be sufficient satisfaction, England loses sight altogether of the fact that in her attempted enlistments she violated the sovereignty of the United States; that *she did what she would have no right to do even if there had been no act of Congress prohibiting it*; that it is our right and our duty to rebuke her conduct, independent of the Neutrality law, just as we punished GENET's attempts at enlistment before any such law existed; that she violated our rights to be neutral in the present war. Indeed we are bound to insist on the public redress of England's wrong, in order that we may prove to Russia and to the world that we are not evading our duty of neutrality. The act of Great Britain, of which we complain, was evidently ventured—as a portion of the London Press distinctly avows—on the assumption that either we are not disposed to keep our own law, or that our Government is too weak to enforce it. What grosser insult can be offered a Government and a people than this? And yet we are upbraided for insults to Great Britain, in connection with our efforts to obtain redress!

GREAT BRITAIN STILL RECRUITING.

But, again, although in June last the British Government promised to desist from their enlistments, and Lord PALMERSTON declared that they *had* desisted, one WAGNER *has since been convicted in New-York of recruiting for the British Army on the 3d of August last*—long after the date of the "satisfaction" which the British apologists hold was tendered to Mr. MARCY. And, to show that the British Government has proceeded regardless of the rights and sovereignty of neutral nations, in this foreign enlistment scheme, I assert—what can be proven, if disputed—that she is to this day disturbing all of Germany by her enlistments against the will of the Government, and despite its efforts to stop it. And the better to accomplish this object, she keeps men-of-war transports hovering at the mouths of the Weser and the Elbe, smuggling off the recruits thus obtained day by day. Will any one dare to say that she is right in this, in face of the numerous authorities, English and otherwise, who declare the recruiting of soldiers in neutral territory to be violative of national law, and justly punishable with death?

IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF OUR LAWS.

To contradict the idea that the American people are lawless, or the American Government is unable or unwilling to execute its neutrality laws, and to repel the imputation that there is any partiality or prejudice against England in the matter, I refer to the fact that we had already indicted the French Consul at San Francisco, Mr. DILLON, and the Mexican Consul, DEL VALLE, for precisely the same offence that the agents of Great Britain have been committing since. The prosecution of those individuals should have been ample notice to England that the evasion of our neutrality laws could not be successfully accomplished by her Consuls. She cannot plead that she was taken by surprise, even were she not bound to know, as she certainly does know, her obligations towards us.

As to the neutrality laws in general, they have been executed by us in every case, without consideration of persons. WALKER's invasion of Lower California was in the first place put down by force. We punished the parties concerned in the expedition of Count RAGUENET BOURBON against SONORA; crushed the contemplated expeditions against Cuba, and broke up at New-York a contemplated invasion of Venezuela, under ambassador YRUJO. KINNEY did not reach us in San Francisco, as "Z. Z." asserts, but both he and WALKER were indicted upon the charge of doing so in New-York, and both the steamers, the *United States* and the *Ocean Bird*, were stopped on suspicion of contemplated violation of the law. If KINNEY maintains any "connection" in Central America, it is in spite of our Government, and by evasion of our law. It is false, too, that WALKER recruited openly in San Francisco. He slipped off to Nicaragua with a handful of men, without the knowledge of the Government, which is neither omniscient nor omnipotent. And had it not been for French Consul DILLON's refusal to testify upon WALKER's trial at San Francisco, our Government maintains that he would have been convicted, and so prevented from removing his exploits to Nicaragua. Whatever offence he has with him, went in small numbers by regular steamers of the Nicaragua line, which carried five hundred passengers. The Government could not stop a steamer on suspicion that some of its passengers were filibusters; and how could we pick out the forward years that they were such? But even admitting that lawless men were able to evade the law, that gives the English Government no excuse for uniting with our outlaws, and aiding them to defy us.

MR. CRAMPTON'S COMPLICITY PROVED.

And now I come more directly to Mr. CRAMPTON's case. The President of the United States is not to wait until he has legal evidence against a party suspected of violating our rights or our laws ere he proceeds against him. He is only bound to have *moral conviction*. So it was not necessary that Mr. CRAMPTON should have a trial ere steps were taken in his case. I still maintain that the evidence is conclusive of his complicity in the enlistment scheme *admitted to have been attempted*. The proof is furnished on the HERTZ trial. The objection made to it is that one of the witnesses (HERTZ) is a "convicted criminal." What then? HERTZ is convicted, but of what? Why, of being a recruiting officer of the British Government,—a crime which does not affect his competency or credibility as a witness in the least. It is supremely ridiculous to say that because he is a "convict" on such a charge, he is not to be believed on oath!

And why should not Capt. STRONGE be believed when he substantiates all that HERTZ confessed. Why he was a Captain in the British Army, and his principals would have us disbelieve him because he has quarrelled with them in regard to his pay! That's all. Would an officer of the army be rejected as witness in a case of murder because his accounts were disputed in their settlement? But the

STRONGE'S CREDIBILITY SUSTAINED BY CRAMPTON.

original letters produced on the HERTZ trial show that he was the correspondent and the traveling companion of Mr. CRAMPTON, the guest of Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, Governor of Nova Scotia, and the friend and intimate of gentlemen recognized by both those dignitaries; nor was the slightest effort made to impeach STRONGE in Court.

THE DOCUMENTARY PROOFS.

But it is idle to argue the credibility of these witnesses. If a convict from the Penitentiary were to produce a budget of original letters, proving a certain fact, the question would not be whether the witness was to be believed, but whether the letters were forgeries? Does Mr. CRAMPTON dispute the genuineness of the letters claimed to be his, and published in the HERTZ trial? If he does not, then I think no man can read even the brief statement of them made in your editorial summary of yesterday without moral conviction of his guilt. But to prove more conclusively still the complicity of Mr. CRAMPTON with STRONGE, I insert the following copy of an original letter from J. W. PRESTON, the Commandant of the British recruiting station at Niagara.

DEAR STRONGE:—I am directed by the General to acquaint you, that Mr. CRAMPTON wants to see you at his house, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning—be punctual. If you like, come up to my house at half-past 9 o'clock, and we will go together.

Yours, truly, J. W. PRESTON, 76th Reg't.

Tuesday, 15th May, Halifax.

And so all the essential facts against Mr. CRAMPTON brought out by STRONGE's testimony or HERTZ's confession, *are sustained by original letters* which cannot be explained away unless denounced as forgeries, which no one has thought of attempting.

MORE SHOT IN THE LOCKER.—IS IT WANTED?

Now as to the complaint that Mr. CRAMPTON was put on trial in the case of another party. The Minister *cannot* be tried directly. If he could, he would be convicted,—for, if I am not greatly mistaken, *there is ample evidence against him which has not seen the light*, save not that already published quite sufficient. *Are Mr. Crampton's apologists sure that there are no other letters of his afloat for the present whereabouts of which he cannot account?*

THE RIGHT OF DISMISSAL.

But our Government is not bound to give him a trial ere acting. It is the right of the President to dismiss him peremptorily, on moral conviction that his presence here ought not be longer permitted. That was precisely what a weak Spanish Government did with BULWER in 1848, just when all Europe was convulsed, and when it was not known from day to day that the Spanish throne could be maintained. England then admitted this peremptory [illegible] by virtue of which the Spanish Foreign Secretary told Mr. BUL[illegible] at once that the Government was morally convinced of his complicity with the Revolutionists, and handed him his passports, and told him, as a friend, that he had better leave [illegible] the very next day. The great error of the President in this case is, that he did not follow so pertinent a precedent,—but we know he did not. We know that instead of this the case was represented to the British Government, with the request that it would relieve us from the necessity of dismissing Mr. CRAMPTON. We presume that so soon as our Government became aware of CRAMPTON's complicity that *they gave him notice and tendered him an opportunity to make explanations*, either in person or through the medium of his Government; and it seems very clear from the discussions in both the English and the American Press, that although two or three months have elapsed, *no explanations have been received*. Will Mr. CRAMPTON authorise any one to say that these presumptions are incorrect? or, that the developments of the HERTZ trial affecting himself took him by surprise?

INDIRECT TRIAL OF A MINISTER BUT JUST AND PROPER.

Why should Mr. CRAMPTON not be indirectly convicted by the trial of HERTZ? It is the duty of the Government to try his confederates,—and if their trial and conviction produces in the public mind conviction of the Minister's guilt also, he has no right to complain. Suppose a Foreign Minister should hire a man to commit a murder in New-York, what would be done? Our Government would, of course, complain to his, and demand redress as against the Minister,—but would we, on that account, desist from trying the assassin? And if it turned out that the trial of the assassin showed him to be the mere tool of the Foreign Minister, would it not be ridiculous to complain that the conviction of the Minister was a violation of comity towards his Government, or unjust to him?

But, beyond all this, in order to convict HERTZ and WAGNER, it was necessary to show that they were acting in behalf of some foreign Government, because unless that were proven they were not amenable to the Neutrality Law, which forbids *enlisting for the service of a foreign prince*. So, proof of the complicity of officials of the British Government, including CRAMPTON, was absolutely indispensable to maintain the prosecution against HERTZ. And herein is an ample answer to the complaints that CRAMPTON was put on trial.

THE CITIZENSHIP OF A CONSUL DON'T SAVE HIM.

Finally, it is not there that the British Consul CUSENS, at Cologne, was prosecuted "as a Prussian subject." On the contrary, the Court expressly said that it was wholly immaterial whether he was a Prussian subject or not. The statement of "Z. Z." on this point is an intimation that if CUSENS had been a British subject he would not have been amenable to punishment. To show that such is neither British policy nor law, it is only necessary to say that our Treaty with England stipulates that "in case of illegal or improper conduct towards the laws of the Government to which he is sent," a "Consul may either be punished according to law if the laws will reach the case, or sent back."

HOW TO PRESERVE PEACE.

I do not see that Mr. CRAMPTON's champion has made good a single point he essayed. I subscribe entirely to his suggestion that unless our Government meets the case "in a proper spirit, there is imminent danger that the peaceful relations of the two countries may be interrupted;" but we should probably differ as to what constitutes a "proper spirit." I believe it to be that which asks nothing but what is right, and evinces the boldest determination to submit to nothing wrong; and if it is true that the British Government deems this misunderstanding a "serious one," it is high time for them to tell our Government so, and either recall Mr. CRAMPTON, or say why they won't do it. Until they have done that, outside advocacy is at best impudence.

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The "Municipal" Report for Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30.
NO MONEY FOR EXCAVATION DAY.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening, President Lawrence Keese presiding.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to postpone the sale of lands for unpaid assessments from Dec. 20 to the second Monday in April, 1856. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Street Commissioner to report the number of feet of sewers constructed during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Lamps and Gas to report the number of lamps in use, and the number of lamp-posts erected during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of stalls rented during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Fulton Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Washington Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Catharine Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Centre Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Jefferson Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Tompkins Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Essex Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Allen-street Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Grand-street Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Gouverneur Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Spring-street Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

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Mr. Keese offered a resolution to instruct the Committee on Markets to report the number of persons employed in the Franklin Market during the year ending Nov. 15, 1855. Adopted.

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